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In re Patent Application of :
Mary Stracke et al. : Group Art Unit 1811
Ser. No. 07/822,043 : Examiner: B. Celsa
Filed: January 17, 1992 :
Title: AUTOTAXIN: MOTILITY STIMULATING PROTEIN USEFUL IN
CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

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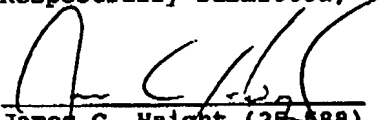
Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the restriction requirement of September 16, 1992, applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention identified as Group I, i.e. claims 3-6, and 16-17, drawn to autotaxin and peptides thereof, classified by the Examiner in Class 530, subclasses 324-330, 350 and 402. Please extend the time in which to respond by one month and charge the \$110 fee to NIH Deposit Account No. 14-1052, for which purpose extra copies of this page are enclosed.

This restriction requirement is strongly tranversed on the grounds that claims 11 and 12, identified as Group II by the Examiner, have been classified in the same class as Group I, and would require the search of only one additional subclass. Applicants respectfully submit that this search would present no undue burden on the Examiner. Applicants have already been subjected to one restriction requirement. Maintenance of this supplemental requirement will result in a total of only 17 claims

being grouped as 4 different inventions. In the interest of fairness and governmental efficiency, the Examiner is strongly urged to withdraw this second restriction requirement and search the claims of Groups I and II together.

Respectfully submitted,


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